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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1878.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.-Rev. ALEX.

KENT will preach in Taimadze Hall Tomorrow at 11 a.m. Sunday school, at 9:45 a.m. It ** SLDFR WM. M. SMOOT will preach at Columbia Law Building Sunday, December It. 15th, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. FOUNDRY CHURCH. -Dr. LANABAN TO morrow, at 11, "MorlCourage," at 7-30 p.m. "Hearing and Not Doing."

SAMUEL M. JANNEY and other Friends are expected to attend meeting on I street, be ween 18th and 19th, To-morsow, at 11 o'clock. 1 AT ALL SOULS' CHURCH, Rev. CLAY MACCAYLAY, rustor. Morning services at 11 a.m. Strangers cordully invited. Vesper services at 7.30 p.m., at which time seats are free. E-STREFT BAPTIST CHURCH. - Rev Dr. Parkers, Pastor, will preach To-morrow. Topic for the Merning. "Slavety of Sin." For the Evening. "Freedom Offered by the Gospel." It REV. OR. JOHN LORD will preach in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church To-morrow (Sabbath) Morning, at 11 o'clock. Subject "Solomor, o' the Vanity of a Worldly Life." It

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 14th st. D. W., between R and S.—Preaching by Rev. A. J. HUSTINGTON, D. C., at 11 a.m. Also, services in the evening. Seats free. Come one and all. 11* THE REV. MR. FRANCE, of Grace M. E. Church, will preach at the Fourth-st. M. E. Church East Washington) Sunday Morning, at 12 o'clock, and hev. Mr. WHELLER, of Wangh Chapel. 1778 O'clock. at 7% o'clock.

INFIDELITY OF MODERN LITERATURE - Porular Lecture, Ninth-st. Methodist Protestant Church, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Preaching at 31 s.m., "Paths Unknown." Public cerdially invited. Scats free. It' "vited, Seats free ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH. at Kindergarien Hall, corner 8th and K sts.
n.w., Rev. Geo. B. Rosselli, D. D. Passer. Services Every Sanday, at 11 a.m. and 7-30 p.m. Sanday school at 10 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER RE. FORMED EFISCOPAL (Marin's Hall, E. st. between 9th and 10th sts.) Preaching at 11 a.m., 7 30 p.m., by the Rev. Geo. E. Scott. Seats free All cerdially invited. METROPOLITAN M. E. CHURCH, H. R. NAMESON, D. D., Pastor, Preaching by the Pastor, Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 7% p.m. Subject for Evening "The Crises of Life." Sunday school

THE SEVEN SINS OF WASHINGTON—Third of a series of series at Vermont Avenue Christian church at 7.28 p.m. To-morrow. Preaching at 11 a.m., also by the pastor, Frederick D. Power. Seats free. All we come. NORTH CAPITOL M. E. CHURCH, corner North Capitol and E. Sis. Preaching Morning and Evening by Rev. A. 2. Gitt., Subject. "Into All the World." Sunday school at 2½ p.m.

Sunday school at 2% p.m. NEW JERUSALEM TEMPLE (Sweden JABEZ FOX, Pastor. Seats all free. Services at 11 am. and 7 p.m. Evening Lecture. "Salvation from Sin."

MT. VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, 9th and K. sts. n.w.—Preaching Tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 7 30 p.m. by Rev. W. P. Harrison, D. D. Evening subject: "Mahommedan-FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 9th st., bet. Gand H n.w., Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, Fastor – Rev. O. C. Morse, newly elected Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will preach at 11 a.m., and the Pastor at 7 30 p.m. Strangers and others in the city are cordially invited.

UNION M. E. CHURCH, 20th st., next Pa. av., Sabbath, 15th Dec., Rev. GEO. V. LEECH. av., Sabbath, 15th Dec., Rev. GEO. V. LEECH, 11 a.m., "Divine Power in Christ's Mustard Seed," 7% p.m., first sermon to young men, "The Position and Strength of a Young Man." Seats free. A

THE PROPHET THAT HATH A DREAM (or a lecture), let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord." So "preach the word," or set out of the way! Read 23 Jeremiah and weep. Pray for me! It*

SPIRITUAL SEANCE -Miss Olney, the Clairvoyant and Trance Medium, will give a Select Seance at her Parlors, 215 4% st , Sunday

WASHINGTON COUNCIL, O. A. U. -Annual meeting MONDAY EVENING next, 16th instant, at 7 30 o'clock, at the usual hall. Election of officers THE WASHINGTON TRAINING SCHOOL for NURSES will hold a public meeting on MONDAY EVENING, 16th instant, in the building Labor Exchange, 904 Fennsylvania avenue,

when Gen. JOHN EATON, Commissioner of Educa-tion, will deliver an address. The public is invited to attend. dec14-2t ATTENTION, CABINET MAKERS!—Al Mechanics of Washington interested in the Cabinet Maker's trade, are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of same in Eeramann's Hall, corner 8th and E sts., next THURSDAY, the 19th, a. 8 p.m. sharp, for the transaction of important busi-

ness concerning this trade. dec14-2t* WM. WALTER, Chairman. FFDERAL LODGE, No. 1. F. A. A. M.—By dispensation of the M. W. G. M., the regular annual communication will be held on TUESDAY EVENING. December 17th, at 7 o'clock (instead of Tuesday, December 24th.) Members are requested to be punctual in their attendance, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of W. M. dec14-2t WM. G. EROCK, Secretary.

THE GAZETTE TO MORROW Will contain GOSSIP BY ROBERTS, LIFE OF PROF. MASSEN

SAD STORY OF A CONFEDERATE.
CONGRESS BOILED DOWN.
ART NOTES AT THE CAPITAL.
THE WORKINGMEN'S DEMONSTRATION.
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THE EVENING STAR.

DOUBLE SHEET.

Washington News and Gossip. GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY .- Internal revenue, \$463,541,61; customs, \$369,456,78.

PERSONAL .- Baron Blanc, the Italian mixister. has rented, for the winter, Mrs. Major Littdsay's fine residence on Franklin Square. This will make the second bride of a diplomat who has made her entre into Washington society from this house, as it will be remembered that Seno. Robers, late Spanish minister, brought his lady

AMONG THE CALLERS OU the White House teday were Senators Garland, Kellogg and Phaib, and Representatives Hardenburgh, Bell, Dwight, White (Ind.), Reilly and Ells-

THE NEXT CENSUS .- A meeting of the joint committee on the subject of taking the census was held at the rooms of the Senate finance committee this morning. It was decided before recommending any new legislation on the subject to hear the views of experts on the census laws. Mr. Walker, ex-superintendent of the census, will be given a hearing early next

SENATOR EDMUNDS' ELECTORAL BILL .- Representative Southard says the Edmunds bill to provide for the manner of counting the electoral votes, which passed the Senate yesterday. will not be passed by the House. The House bill upon the same subject will probably not be considered until the holiday recess.

BILL TO PURCHASE THE FREEDMEN'S BANK Beilding.—At the last session of Congress the Senate passed a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the purchase of the Freedmen's Bank building. It was sent to the House and referred to the committee on public buildings. That committee recommended \$155,000 of an appropriation and sent it to the appropriation committee. Today the latter committee agreed to recommend an appropriation of \$160,000, \$5,000 of which is for repairs. The freedmen's commissioners claim a balance due for back rent, but the \$160,000 appropriated is made to cover this claim also.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS this morning agreed to recommend the passage by the House of a special deficiency bill appropriating the amount of \$450,000, required for the continuance of the present railway postal car service throughout the current fiscal year. The committee also completed the Indian appropriation bill as agreed to in committee. The bill appropriates in the aggregate \$4,700,000, which but \$57 dollars less than the existing law. The committee also decided to recommend nonconcurrence in the Senate amendments to the military academy bill.

CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY.—The first edition, for this session, of Major Poore's indispensable Congressional Directory is out in still more serviceable form than ever.

WANTS PAY FOR HIS SLAVES .- Every now and then some citizen of the District of Columbia. who, by reason of failure to make application in time, or from some other cause, did not get pay for his slaves under act of emancipation for he District of Columbia, puts in a petition to Congress for relief. Smith Minor, of this city. is the last one to apply for such compensation His petition was filed vesterday. The commis sion appointed under the District emancipation act of 1862 had awarded him \$2,847 for seven slaves. It was afterwards discovered, however, that Minor was a citizen of Virginia when that state seceded, and that he had voted for secession ordinance. He was consequently debarred from the benefits of the act. He states in his petition that he had voted for secession ordicance "in a moment of weakness," and as he has been loyal ever since. he thinks he should be paid the amount which the commission awarded him. The papers were referred to the claims committee where they will sleep with those of like character which have preceded

EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD PIERREPONT I nited States in the Lewis will case. This is a case of Mr. Lewis, of Brooklyn, millionaire, who left large bequests to the governmet, and whose will has been contested by several women claiming to be the relicts of the deceased.

CONGRESSMAN ACKLEN EXONERATED, -Senator Eustis and Messrs, Elam, Robertson and Ellis, Representative from Louisiana, have signed a certificate that, after a careful examination of the allegations made by H. L. Smith against Representative Acklen, they, without hesitation, pronounce the charge against him entirely without foundation and a base attack upon his character; and Messrs. Foster, Frye, Calkins, Cobb, Money and Yeates, after a careful consideration of the evidence submitted to them touching the charge, declare it maliciously made and without foundation in fact.

AGAINST MRS. GAINES .- The House committee on private land claims yesterday decided against Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines' claim to \$5,000 acres of land under an old Spanish grant.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON YELLOW FEVER has appointed sub-committees to confer with similar sub-committees appointed by the Senate some days ago to investigate different branches of the subject. Mr. Garfield was made chairman of the sub-committee charged with the duty of reporting upon the constitutional power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of public bealth, Mr. Hooker to report the scope and the method of investigation, and Mr. Gibson was made chairman of the sub-committee to select

SENATOR CONKLING has a singular case to argue next Monday in the U.S. Supreme Court. It appears that when A. T. Stewart was of the flesh he sold a merchant in Aiabama a bill of goods amounting to three thousand dollars. The purchaser immediately sold them at a loss upon the first purchase. Subsequently, Stewart heard of the transaction, and brought suit against his creditor for obtaining goods under talse pretenses. The Alabamian filed a cross bill against Stewart for defamation of character, and an Alabama jury gave him a judgment for \$25,000. It was appealed to the supreme court, but meanwhile Stewart died. Judge Hilton, however, representating the estate, is seeking to obtain a release of the judgmeat. Senator Conkling says that before he gets through with the case he intends to let all the supreme court judges get an insight into the manner law is interpreted in Alabama.

THE NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIA-TION will hold their eleventh annual Washington convention January 9th and 16th. The business of the convention will, of course, be to push the demand for woman suffrane.

NAVAL ORDERS.-Pay Inspector C. H. Eldredge as inspector of provisions and clothing at the Norfolk navy yard, Jan. 1st. First Lieut, J. M. Grimes has returned from the Asiatic station. and has been placed on walting orders. Cadet Engineer F. H. Bailey has been detached from the Alert, Asiatic station, and placed on waiting orders. Paymaster T. T. Caswell as inspector at the Norfolk navy yard, Jan. 1st, and ordered to settle accounts.

A NOTABLE GATHERING,-There was a very notable gathering of "notables" at a reception given by Judge-Advocate General Dunn last night at his residence, on Capitol Hill, to ex-Senator Lot M. Morrill, who is making the general and his family a visit of a few days. Th invitations (which were sent only to persona triends of Governor Morrill) brought togethe a company of gentlemen, among whom ther were no less than five members of the Cabinet-Messrs. Evarts, Sherman, Schurz, Key and McCrary; three of the United States Suprem? Court, Justices Clifford Field and Miller; the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the British Minister, the Genera of the army, and fully one-half of the member: of the United States Senate, including Senators Blaine, Bayard, Beck, Anthony, Burnside, Morrill of Vermont, Wadleigh, Rollins, McDonald Maxey, Howe, Allison, Ferry, Davis, Cock rell, Windom and Matthews, and other prominence in both political parties; besides Representatives Hale, Reed and Linds ley of the Maine delegation in the House; Chief Justic Drake, of the Court of Claims; Judge Wylle, of the Supreme Court of the District Judge Otto, and other persons of distinction, who, by their cordiality of their greetings to the ex-Senator and ex-Secretary of the Treasury, gave him most gratifying evidence of the

still held by his former associates in the public THE TALLAPOOSA arrived at the Portsmouth (Va.) pavy yard yesterday afternoon.

Circular in Crections concerning the resumption of spice payments were issued by Secretary Sherman to-day. After quoting from an act to provide for the resumption of specie paymenis, section 3, the following words: "And on and after the first day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the Secretary of the Treasury shall redeem, in coin, the United States legal-tender notes then outstanding, or their presentation for redemption at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States in the city of New York, in sums of not less than fifty dollars," the circular says: "As the effects of the above section will be to remove any practical difference in the value of coin and notes as a circulating medium after the first of January next, no distinction between them will be made in keeping, rendering, or settling the accounts of public officers, in volving transactions which occur subsequently to that date. Matured coupons of the United States, and checks issued by the Treasurer of the United States for interest or principal of the public debt, by law payable in coin, will be paid by the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, upon presentation, in coin or, if the claimant prefers, such coupons and checks will be paid by the said assistant treasurer, or by any other independent treasury officer, in United States notes. Such registered interest, payable by law in coin, as is paid on schedules at any other cities than New York, will also be paid to the claimant in coin, by check on the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, which check be cashed in United States notes i the holder prefer, or, if the claimant prefers, such interest may be paid to him direct in United States notes by the officer charged with the payment of the schedule. Any check or draft hereafter drawn in payment of a public obligation, by law payable in coin, will have that fact plainly noted thereon."

Judge Thurman Not a Candidate For Governor of Ohio.

The Ohio newspapers for the past week or so have been persistently claiming that Senator Thurman will receive and accept the democratic nomination for governor of that state. Yesterday a representative of THE STAR visited the Senator, and sald:-"Judge, I see your name is being generally used in connection with the democratic nomination for governor of Ohio. Are you a candidate?" Said the judge in respouse:-"To every person who has suggested to me that I should be a candidate for goverpor, I have replied that I could not consent. The more I have reflected on the subject the better satisfied I am that the interest of the party does not require me to make that race and certainly my own well being requires that I should not undergo the toil and strain of mind and body that a canvass for that office will necessitate. Besides, there are very worthy men in the party, either one of whom would make a good candidate, and whose friends desire their nomination: and it would be an un-There are other and very strong reasons why I should not be the candidate, but it is unpecessary to state them. Indeed, it is with reluctance that I say anything upon the subject, for there is a seeming presumption in declining a thing that has not, and may never be offered. But, inasmuch as some of our papers have come out for my nomination, and I am informed by a letter from a friend at Columbus, received this morning, that it is rumored that they have done so with my approbation; it is proper for me to say that such is not the case. and that my mind is firmly made up not to run for the governorship.

The Hot Springs Investigation.

TESTIMONY OF SOLICITOR RAYNOR. The Senate committee investigating the omission of the Hot Springs clause from last session appropriation bill heard Hon. Kenneth Raynor, solicitor of the Treasury, this morning. He testified that Benson came to him and stated that he had sufficient evidence to convict Senator Conover of complicity with the transaction. and desired his (Raynor's) law clerk to go with him before the grand jury to have him (Con-over) indicted. Witness told Benson he should wait until his chief (Mr. Broeks) returned from California, and that as the reputation of men high in position was involved he should be very careful to be sure of his ground. STILSON HUTCHINS ON THE STAND

Stilson Hutchins, publisher of the Washington Post, testified that a member of the Capita police came to his office and related a conversation he had overheard between one of the clerks at the Capitol and another party, and said that if the clerk could be looked up information about the missing clause could probably be obtained. Search was made for the cierk named, but, not finding bim, the statement of the officer was printed. The next day Benson came to the to know where the information ϵ_{2me} from and asked that no more publication be made, as it might defeat the end of justice and prevent the discovery of the person who abstracted the clause. Benson said if further publication was suppressed he would, in two days, give them a full statement of the case exclusively. He came at the end of two days and said he had traced out the matter, and could convict Senator Conover, his clerk, Rice, and John V. Foster. One statement made by Benson Mr. Hutchins wrote out himself, supposing Benson desired it kept from the employes of the Post. It was set in type and submitted to Benson, who said it was substantially correct, but begged it might not be printed, as it would ruin him in the secret service division for having divulged the secrets of the Benson said if its publication was held up he would give additional facts at the proper time which should be for the Posi exclusively. The matter was kept in type a month, during which Benson frequently reiterated his statement as to its truth, and said he would have Senator Conover in the penitentlary in a month. Witness kept the article in type until, from inquiries elsewhere, he ascertained that Benson had deceived him and was likely to had it distributed.

get him in a scrape if it was published, and then These witnesses were called by Senator Conover to show malignity towards him on the part of Benson. Two or three witnesses who had been summoned failing to appear, the committee ad-

journed to meet again at the call of the chair-THE ORDER of the Navy department, issued seamen, ordinary seamen, or landsmen serving in the engineer's force as firemen and coalheavers, will not be regarded as in force from and after this date. An order by Secretary

Thompson, just issued, directs this. THE DISTRICT BOND INVESTIGATION -The committee on reform in the civil service to-day notifled the president of the First National Bank of New York that they desired him to be here on Monday, at 10 o'clock, to testify touching the allegation of fraud in connection with the passage of the 3.65 District of Columbia assessment

THE PROSPECTIVE RETIREMENT OF JUDGE OLIN from the bench of the District of Columbia has not only brought to the President applications for appointment to the prospective vacancy from residents of the District, but also from almost every state in the Union. Some have one applicant for the place, and others many more than one. R. W. P. Smith, of Nashville, Tennessee, is the most persistent of all the outsiders, and is pushing vigorously his claims to the appointment.

PURCHASE OF NAVAL STORES.-There being misapprehension or misunderstanding in the matter of purchases by purchasing pay officers of the navy upon open purchase requisitions, Secretary Thompson has issued an order on the subject. He directs that all such purchases must be made either by the Secretary of the Navy, the chiefs of bureaus, or the purchasing paymaster at the station. This authority does not extend to the officers representing the bureaus at any yard or station. Articles to be purhased on open purchase requisition are subected to inspection by inspecting officers, but the latter are not to purchase them. The purchasing agent will be responsible that they are obtained at the lowest market price. The approval of a requisition by a chief of bureau, and the transmission of it to the officer representing that bureau at any navy yard or station, will not give validity to the purchase unless it b. made by the puachasing paymaster. Where there is an immediate necessity for medicines, or surgical instruments, the officer representing he bureau of medicine and surgery may make he purchase, and will certify the facts on the triplicate bills before payment. The term "medicines," herein used, will not include liquors, or medical stores generally.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED .- The secret serrice division of the Treasury is to-day informed of the arrest at Washington, Indiana, of John McCarty for issuing fifty cent counterfelt silver pieces. McCarty is noted for his feats of counterfelting and his success in passing spurious terfelting and his success in passing spurious eoin. The secret service men have been after him for some time. He was released on \$5,000

Specie Resumption Circular From CRAZY CALLERS AT THE WHITE is evidently also insane. The day Jacob Schaffer the Treasury.

CRAZY CALLERS AT THE WHITE is evidently also insane. The day Jacob Schaffer put in his appearance at the White House, Jane

Some of the Odd People Who Come to Washington. Every now and then an item is published giving an account of the antics of some crazy person who finds his or her way to the White House. Not half the calls of people of this class at the Executive mansion are recorded. Their visits are almost the daily rule rather than the exception. They come from all parts of the country, on all manner of imaginary missions, and wants to see the President. Generally the ushers down stairs discover their infirmity and manage to get them out of the building on some pretext or other; but very often they find their way up stairs, and sometimes pass the doorkeeper and secure the ear of the President. The ushers down stairs have had so much experience in dealing with lunatics and monomaniacs that they have become very expert in handling them. The ushers acquire almost a sufficient knowledge of the subject to fulfill the duties devolving upon the superintendent of any insane asylum in the country. Billy Crump, who was General Haves' orderly during the wa and came with him from Ohio, is particularly an adept in this branch of the public service. "daft" people who find their way into the President's room generally look sane enough; but some let their mental weakness be known by their queer questions and strange actions. They are manouvered out as soon as possible but often cause considerable trouble. When a person calls at the Executive mansion who is so turned over to the police and sent to the insane asylum or his home. From clues furnished by themselves the place from which they hall is often discovered, and they are given transportation thereto at government expense. There are such a number that have to be sent to the insane asylum that it has been suggested that a special appropriation be made for taking them home, as it costs more to maintain them at the government expense in the asylum. Some harmless lunatics have a method in their madness. At stated periods they pay the White House a visit. Their faces have become

familiar. THE MAN WHO CALLS TO "TAKE HIS SEAT." Among these is an old gentleman who lives a short distance out in the country, near Bladensburg. He wears a large soft hat, salt and pepper pants, and a short black coat. His eyes are blue and mild, with nothing wild about them, and his hair is gray. He calls regularly once in every two months. He comes in the door solemnly. Being asked what he wants, he replies, "I have come to take my seat." He then tells how he has been regularly elected President, and would have come to enter on his duties sooner, but work on his farm prevented his leaving home. The ushers talk to him seriously about the matter, and as a general thing he soon leaves perfectly satisfied. The last time he called he was somewhat persistent in demanding "the Presidential chair," in order "to take his lawful seat." Being expostulated with, he explained to the they need have no fear: he did not intend to make many changes, and would keep them all in office. He didn't know, come to think of it, that he would make any removals at all. He might, however, put Secretary Schurz out of the Cabinet. He was asked if he had a wife. He replied "No." He was then told that no man unmarried could be President. He left immediately, with the expressed determination to marry as soon as he got bome and then come back and "take his seat."

THE MAN WHO OWNS THE TREASURY AND WHITE A man comes down here from Pennsylvania about five time a year. He is about thirty-five years old and dresses neatly and comfortably. He demands to see the President. The Treasury and the White House have been deeded to him and he wants the possession of both. The last time he called he wore a pair of badly used up shoes, and got slightly noisy. When put outside the door he said: "I will submit this time as I do not wish to make Hayes houseless; but the next time I come I want no foolishness. I want him to move out promptly. I hate to be so harsh, but my shoes are wearing out and I must have my rights. Just tell him how the case stands.' THE MAINE WOMAN WHO CALLED TO CONVERT

THE PRESIDENT. A woman from Maine walked in one day, in a dress like that of a Quakeress. She stalked into the east room and spreading a large Biblewhich she carried under her arm-on one of the window seats announced her text and began in a loud voice to hold forth on the necessity of being born again. Sargeant Dinsmore told her she must not make a noise. She calmly told told him that her mission was to convert President Hayes and she had come to fulfill it. effort being made to escort her to the door she again became loud and quoted verse after verse from the Bible. After much noise, but no active resistance, she was gotten out on the porch and the door was closed. She left announcing her determination to convert Hayes, and repeating scriptural texts all the way down the concrete walk to the gate.

AN OHIO ASTRONOMER. A man from Ohio called a few weeks ago. He had a theory that the world was coming to an end in a few days, if he was not made superintendent of the Naval Observatory, in view that he might, by his knowledge of astronomy, avert the impending collision of the earth with all the planets. He was promised the position and left satisfied.

THE GREENBACK WOMAN WHO WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA. Ohio, by the by, furnishes quite a number of subjects. A woman fdom that state, about 40 years old, with a gray hat, a light woolen cloak, handsome brown eyes, and regular features, earne quietly in last week. She said that there was a thousand dollars up that she had been elected governor of Pennsylvania on the greenback ticket. She had only the week before gone to that state to see about it, and not getting much satisfaction had come to the President to have the question finally settled. She exhibited what she called her "credentials." This important document was the ticket issued. an iceberg or the delicate figures made by trost by the greenbackers in the recent elections in Peennsylvania, and had on them, of course, the names of all the nominees of that party. She was told that the President could do nothing for her, and was referred to Attorney General

A raw-boned fellow from Maine is seen no more at the White House. He used to be a regular visitor. He would march in every morning, walk up to one of the ushers, and with a military salute hand him a letter. The letters were always addressed to "Hon. R. B. Hayes, from Ohio, President of the United States, U.S. of America, Western Continent, White House, District of Columbia." These letters were always opened, but were such scrawls that no one could read them. This probably suited the man exactly, as all he seemed to want was to deliver the letters promptly at nine every

THE MAN WHO WENT OUT AT THE DOOR AND CAME IN AT THE WINDOW Last summer a burly lunatic raised a row the East Room because he was told by Sergeant Dinsmore that the President could not see him, He was put out. Dinsmore watched and saw that he went around back of the house. He stepped to the south end of the East Room just in time to grab the big intruder as he was coming through the window. The fellow looked crestfallen and said apologetically, "I only wanted to see the Hon. Mr. Hayes."

THE "GODDESS OF LIBERTY just stepped down from the dome of the Capitol" has already been introduced to the readers of THE STAR. She came back the other week and being refused admittance to the President's room threatened to bring down her "reserves." These consisted, she said, of all the statues in the old Hall of Representatives and that of Columbus in the east front of the Capitol and of the group of the backwoodsman and Incian fighting.

THE MAN WHO CLOSED THE WAR OF THE RE-BELLION. A hard looking male customer-he was about forty years old-came in one morning. "I am the man," he said in a roar, "who closed the rebellion. It is a matter of necessity that I should see the President." He was told that the President did not receive visitors at the White House. He saw every one who called at 414 10th street. This is the number of the police station on that street. The man went promptly to 414 10th street and took a seat. After sitting there a while the keeper asked what he wanted "Oh! he said, I have just called to see the Presi dent." The keeper took in the situation at a glance, and, saying, "step this way," conducted his visitor into one of the cells. As he turned the key in the lock the man inside said:-"I the President comes just show him right in, will you?" "Certainly," said the keeper, and went back to his desk.

THE MAN AND WOMAN WITH A NEW RELIGIOS A Dayton, Ohio, man came in one day with a big tin box full of papers. These constituted the creed of a new religion which God had deputed him to make known to the world. What he wanted was the President to grant him a charter and he would then start on a business basis. He gave his name as Jacob Schaffer. His particular fear was newspaper men. He thought that some of the fraternity had conspired to get the contents of his box and publish his creed before he secured the charter. For this reason he said no one should read his papers. His wife

schaffer, at Dayton, telegraphed to the President as follows:- " Mr. President, Jacob will be with you to-morrow to explain his grand mis-

sion. Treat him well." Enough cases similar to those given above could be related to fill a volume. The list given s. however, of sufficient length to show that the callers on the President," published in each day's STAR, does not include all who pay the Chief Magistrate a visit.

SOCIETY. The week has known a notable wedding and several other agreeable entertainments. Assistant Secretary Seward and his wife entertained guests at dinner on Wednesday. Judge Wm. T. Otto, the reporter of the Supreme Court, gave the grandest dinner the season has yet known at Wormley's on Wednesday. There were thirtyone guests, including the members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the Judge-Advocate General, the Solicitor General, and other special friends of the host, among them Judge Usher, who was secretary of the Interior under Lincoln, and whose assistant secretary Judge Otto was. The table had a broad flat border of rare flowers imbedded in moss, running entirely around it. At the head and foot were oval mounds of flowers, and in the center a hemisphere of blossoms. The menu was illuminated in appropriate de-

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryan gave a breakfast party to Governor and Mrs. Swann this week. Most of the members of the Cabinet have now dined each other in state. These dinners differ from similar banquets during the last administration in excluding all ladies, even those belonging to the family of the host, whether his wife or daughters. The reason for this no one knows, but the ruling is attributed to the Secretaly of State. Mrs. Hayes now has as her guest, Mrs. Austin,

of Cleveland, Ohio, but has no one else at present. General and Mrs. Hastings will probably return to the White House before New Year. On Thursday evening Mrs. Hayes welcomed in the Red Parlor, Colonel and Mrs. Casey, General and Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Jeremiah Wilson and her daughter, who is to make her debut this winter, Hon. Ben Willis and wife, Hon. Albert Willis and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Hon. John Jay Knox and Mr. Thomas Beattle. Since Mr. Albert Willis brought his bride to Washington, it is said that the two gentlemen of the name of Willis in Congress, have singularly good taste in female beauty, as shown by their choice of wives.

The return of Mr. Andrews, the artist, and his lovely wife, is welcome news to all who had the pleasure of meeting them on their former visit. They are now at 1406 L street, and Mr. Andrews has his old studio in the Corcoran Building. The wedding of Miss Jeffries and Mr. William Brown, on Thursday evening, attracted to the Ephiphany church a large company. The decorations at the church were not elaborate, but were tasteful. The bridal party presented a very handsome appearance when grouped around the chancel. The toilets of the bride, her mother and the bridesmaids were of unusual elegance. Many who are held in high estimation in our city were present. Only a small proportion of those invited to the ceremeny at the church were asked to the reception, which was from eight to ten p.m. Mr. Mr. Brown left the city with his bride at 5 o'clock Friday morning.

Baron Blanc, the Italian Minister, and his wife, formerly Miss Terry, of New York, who were married in that city last May, have arrived at Wormley's, where they have a suite of rooms. The acquisition of Madame Blanc, and the return of Mrs. Charlton nee Campbell, of this city will give us a large proportion of American ladies in the diplomatic corps. There are Mrs. Henry Howard, nee Riggs; Senora Dardon, (wife of the Minister from Guatemala)) Madame Baltazzi; Madame Outrey, (The French Minister's wife), and Mme. de Hegermann, formerly Mrs. Moulton.

Since the departure of Mr. Garcia, the Minister from the Argentine Republic, the legation of that nation is under the care of Senor Julio Carrie, who is charge d'affaires ad interim. He is a highly educated young gentleman, who arrived in Washington last June. Mr. Garcia having been longer a minister plenipotentiary at Washington than any other now here save Sir Edward Thornton, his representative, Mr. Carrie, will, on all state occasions take precedence of all, except the British Minister. The ladies at the Riggs House have taken Monday for their reception day, instead of Tuesday, as last year, Miss Key (daughter of the Postmaster Gen-

eral), Miss McCrary, (daughter of the Secretary of War), Miss Lathrop, of Chicago, (niece of Mr. Thomas Bryan), the third daughter of General Larned. Miss Hardee, (the daughter of the late General Bardee), Miss Celia Moulton, of Ohio. (niece of General and Secretary Sherman), and Miss Wilson, will be among the unusually small number of debutantes this winter. The west has known some notable weddings within a few weeks. The readers of THF STAR

who remember Miss Margaret Preston, who was so much admired when visiting Mrs. J. M. Carlisle, of this city, and those who can remember her stately but most agreeable mother when a leader in society here, when her husband, Gen. Preston, of Kentucky, was in Congress, will be interested to hear of the grand entertainment in Lexington last week, when Miss Preston married Mr. Davie, of Louisville. The wedding occurred at the elegant residence of the bride's parents, the old Wickliffe homestead. Twelve rooms were open on the first floor, and lighted not only by gas but by the softer light of countless wax candles in old-fashioned candelabra, The floral decorations were of surpassing beauty. The mantels were beds of carnations. A grotto of pure white blossoms was formed. under which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony. On one side of this bower was the name Preston and on the other Davie, both wrought in large letters in tube roses. bride's dress was of a peculiar material which, while all white, yet in the embossing, delicate as an etching on glass, suggested the lights of on the windows. Her veil was of tulle, and her ornaments superb diamonds. Her sisters, Misses Susie and Jessie, and Miss Ballard, who visited Mrs. Bristow here a few years ago, were the attendants. Mrs. Preston were a superb pearl colored satin, embroidered in pansies draped with regai lace.

The supper, which was prepared under the personal supervision of Mrs. Preston, whose culinary arts the most celebrated French chefs cannot rival, was a most elaborate banquet. She still adheres to the old-fashioned custom of giving her attention to all the details of housekeeping, and personally superintends all the preparations for the entertainments, whether state dinners, lunches, or balls, which are given at her house and which are unrivalled in any city. When her husband was minister to Spain Mrs. Preston adhered to this custom, and no banquets at Madrid surpassed hers. At another wedding in the west two of the groomsmen were rouged and wore black patches on their cheeks! MISS GRUNDY.

GEN. BUTLER arrived in Washington last night, but was not in his seat in the House to-

APPRAISER DUTCHER, of New York, was at the INTEREST ON THE DISTRICT FUNDED DEBT .-

Treasurer Gilfillan, commissioner of the sinking fund for the District of Columbia, has sent to the chairman of the House committee on the District of Columbia the draft of a bill "making a permanent annual appropriation for the payment of the interest on the funded debt of the District of Columbia and of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and for the gradual redemption thereof, and for other purposes,"

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION of nitro-glycerine and gunpowder occurred in the St. Bernard coa: mines, at Earlington, Ky., yesterday. A train of mining cars, the mules and a negro driver were blown to atoms. There is a panic among the miners and their families. The shock of the explosion was felt for miles.

A COUNTERFEITER ON TRIAL,-Michael Conners, alleged chief of a gang of counterfeiters. was placed on trial in the United States circuit court, at New York, yesterday. He made a specialty of trade dollars, and monopolized the counterfeits on the Bank of Tamaqua, Pa.

A JOKE ON THE POLICE.—The arrest at New Haven, Conn., Thursday night, of James S. Sypher, supposed to have some connection with stealing Stewart's remains, appears to have been a practical joke played on the police. Sypher will enter suit against the officer who arms to the stealing stewart against the officer who arms to the steal birs. TORN TO PIECES.—At the American iron works, in Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday, Patrick Shannon, assistant millwright, while examining a line of shafting, was caught by a pulley and his body

drawn on to the shaft, which was making two hundred and forty revolutions a minute. Before the machinery could be stopped, his body was torn to pieces and scattered over the mill. SUDDEN DEATH .- Mrs. Eliza Jones, aunt to General Schofield, U. S. A., in command at West Point, was found dead in her bed at Newport, TWO CENTS.

SATURDAY, Deecember 14.

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

SENATE,-The Senate was not in session to-HOUSE.-Mr. Wood, chairman of committee of ways and means, reported back Senate bill authorizing the issue of certain duplicate registered bonds, for the benefit of the Manhattan Savings Institution of New York.

The bill was passed. Mr. Sparks, from committee of appropriations, reported the Indian appropriation bill. Made a cial order for Wednesday next. Mr. Durham, from same committee, reported back the Military Academy appropriation bill.

with Senate amendments; which amendments. with a trivial exception, were non-concurred in Mr. Durham also asked leave to report bill for purchase of property belonging to the Freedman's Saving and Trust Company, in Washington. Mr. Eden objected.

Mr. Phillips offered a resolution reciting the late Indian raids in Kansas and Nebraska, and the capture of the marauders, and calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information as to whether he has surrendered the guilty and responsible parties of such Indian bands to the authorities of Kansas and Nəbraska. Adopted The House then resumed the consideration of the Geneva award bill, and was addressed by Mr. Frye, in favor of the minority report. He was not afraid of attacks made upon him again and again by every insurance lobbyist; and he could endure the assaults of the hired press, because he opposed the claims of the insurance companies. The majority of the judiciary committee had been prevailed upon to bring in a bill which should have been entitled "a bill for the relief of insurance companies," because it was a bill which would give relief to none but insurance companies. He gave a history of the attempts of the insurance companies to get the bill, now reported by the majority, through previous Congresses, when they had always failed. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the name of Mr. Lathers as a lobbyist. Mr. Willis (N.Y.) vehemently denied that Mr. Lathers was a lobbyist.

Mr Townsend (N.Y.) made some inaudible remark, to which Mr. Willis replied that Mr. Lathers was the peer of the gentleman from New York (Townsend) and should not be assalled on the floor, where he had no chance of reply. Mr. Frye said that it was a little remarkable that the gentleman from New York (Mr. Willis) should fly into such a passion because an insurance attorney had simply been named.

Mr. Willis,-It was a gentleman that was Mr. Frye.-May not an insurance attorney be Mr. Willis,-Undoubtedly. I am speaking the facts as to Mr. Lathers. Mr. Frye.—Did he not write an argument?

Mr. Willis .- Yes; one which you will find it impossible to answer. Mr. Frye.-We will see as to that. Mr. Frye proceeded to argue against the ma-

The Mysterious Palenque Tablet at the Smithsonian.

Great efforts are being now made by philologists to solve the problem of the Maya language and to read the inscriptions obtained from the stone monuments found scattered throughout Yucatan. They are supposed to record details in the early history of the nation or give an account of their mythology. The above-mentioned tablet has been in Washington a number of years, an undeciphered mystery to all who have looked upon it, and Professor Baird, the secretary, has at length determined to place it fully before the eyes of the student of linguistics. and if possible make it yield up the secret which it has so profoundly kept. Plaster casts of it are in preparation, and with photographs and engravings, reinforced by a description of the stone which he has ordered to be prepared, it will no doubt be made to assist in unfolding the mystery of the Maya hieroglyphics which have been so long undeciphered, or practically so. It was presented to the old National Institute

of Washington by Mr. Charles Russell, of Phil-

adelphia, and the reception of it was recorded

in the bulletin of the Institute as follows: "Dec.

12, 1842.—A box containing hieroglyphical slab of stone from Palenque, Central America, from Charles Russell, Consul of the U. States at Laguna, Isla del Carmen, Mexico." Its dimensions may be roughly stated at six feet high and three feet wide, the thickness being four or five inches. Its face is divided into one hundred and twenty-seven spaces of an irregular quadrangular shape, forming what may be called cartouches or shields, on which are incised grotesque representations of the human hand or eye or some other feature, but in most cases the figure is entirely arbitrary. The late Dr. Berendt, who spent many years investigating the Maya language in Central America, when in this city a few years ago, reported the existence of an additional slab, of which our Washington stone forms a part, and of this the institution has secured an engraving so that the whole subject will be presented to scholars. Whilst the Maya is still spoken by all the Indian tribes of Yucatan and adjoining provinces, and there are religious books, such as hymns, catechisms and psalters extant in it, et being written with our alphabet they can in no way be used in interpreting these ancient characters. The Indians themselves were so terrorized and down-trodden by the Spaniards from their first inroads into the country that they have become degenerate, surly and grossly ignorant. They still, however, cling most pertinaceously to speaking their own language, and for the more perfect communication the Spanish, residents also speak it. In the early years of Spanish domination the bishops gathered together vast piles of the Maya books, dols, images, sacred vessels and temple furniture, forming a vast holacaust, in the public squares of the great cities and destroyed every evidence attainable by them of Indian history and mythology. One of these bishops, Lauda by name, says of their books, "they contained nothing which had not superstitions and falsities of the devil; we burned them all, at which they were exceedingly sorrowful and troubled.' They called it an auto-da-fe, and similar out-

rages were perpetrated in Mexico. There are now known but three manuscripts in the Maya character, viz:—The Mexican manuscript No. 2 of the Imperial Library at Paris, the Dresden Codex, and the Manuscript Troano. Of the first nothing is known, as it has not been investigated except to make it certain that the characters correspond with those of the sculptured tablets. The others have been studied to some extent by scholars, but with results which have not been accepted as satisfactory. The arch destroyer of Maya antiquities and literature, Bishop Lauda, it seems prepared an account of the Maya Indians, a description of their town, &c., but, better than all, gives an alphabet, which is the most probable key that is known to us for reading the hieroglyphics found on their ruined edifices. This has been applied to this purpose by the distinguished Abbe Brasseur de Bourbourg, who devoted his life to the study of American primitive history It seems, however, that even with the aid of this alphabet several very different interpretations can be made of any given series of characters, and the unwearied labors of the Abbe have not been generally received with assent. This great Americaniste is dead, and it is feared leaves no equally competent and indefatigable successor. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming contribution from the Smithsonian Institution will yield the desired result among existing linguists, or stimulate a new man to arise and master the difficulty as Dr. Young or M. Cham-

pollion did for Egyptian hieroglyphics. MISS MARSHALL WINS A WALKING MATCH. The 100 miles walking match at Jamestown, N. Y., for \$400, between Miss May Marshall, o' Chicago, and Daniel Carroll, of Warren, Pa., was won by the former at 11:30 o'clock last night. she being one lap ahead, having held that position since the 53d mile.

A LESSON TO LITIGANTS.—The judge of a New York York court has established a precent that will have a tendency to make litigants and witnesses very careful as to what they swear to. Hit honor ordered the defendent in a breach of promise case into custody on a charge of perjury, for having sworn in his answer that he had never promised marriage to the plaintiff, while in his evidence he admitted that such a promise has been given.

A JEALOUS LOVER .- At Irvington, Pa., Thursday, a young girl named Mary Haggerty was dangerously wounded. She is employed in the mill at that place, and as she was entering the building a young man, her lover stepped up, pulled out a revolver and fired at her. The shot took effect in her face. She was taken home and medical aid summoned. The cause of the attempted murder was jealousy.

AN EDITOR CONVICTED OF LIBEL.—J. W. Pomeroy, editor of the Saturday Evening Press, of Covington, Ky., was yesterday sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and be imprisoned for 60 days for publishing a libelous article reflecting on for publishing a libelous article reflecting on the Hon. John G. Carlisle, the present member of Congress from that district.

LEGISLATOR AND CONVICT.—A telegram from Cincinnati, December 11, says; "John O'Connor, formerly a member of the Ohio legislature, was convicted in the U.S. Court yesterday of forg-ing an affidavit in support of a claim for a pen-sion. He was sentenced to one year in the Montgomery county jail in Dayton,

Telegrams to The Star.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Death of Princess Alice. DARMSTADT, Dec. 14.-The Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, Princess Alice of England, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning, of diphtheria. She was in a state of unconsciousness from 2:30 o'clock until the time of her death. The Grand Duchess was the third child of and second daughter of Queen Victoria. She was born April 25th, 1843. Her father, the late Prince Albert, died on Saturday, December 14th, 1861 a remarkable coincidence.

Lospon, Dec. 14.—The weather is cold to-day There is much snow in the northern counties of England and in various parts of Europe London Times' Financial Article.

The Times, in its financial article this morning, says: "Jonathan Nield, managing partner in the private bank of J. & J. Fenton & Sons, at Rechdale, whose suspension was announced on the 26th of November last, lost \$3,000,000 of the bank's money by speculating on the Stock Ex-

"The high rate of French exchange seems to be due partly to French grain operations with the United States, partly to the investment of French money in English bills and treasury bonds, and partly to purchases of stock here.

Pennsylvania Penitentiary. HUNTINGDON, PA., Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade, held last evening, it was as-

certained that \$10,000, the full amount necessary to purchase all the property required by the state commission for the location of the middle penitentiary at this place, had been raised.

Fire. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14 .- At an early hour this morning short & Forman's extensive job

printing and stationery establishment, was badly damaged by fire. The establishment is the largest of its kind in the west. The loss, which will probably prove to be heavy, is fully covered by insurance. Killed by the Train. HARRISEURG, PA., Dec. 14.—At Port Royal

Juriata county, last night, a west bound freight train ran into a wagon and almost instantly killed the occupant, a man named Hiram Ard. The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14—Virginia sixes, deferred, 7½; do. consolidated, 55½; do. second series, 35; do. past due coupons, 80½. North Carolina sixes, old, 17; do. new, 9; do. special tax, 2 bid to-day. Sugar quiet and steady—A soft, 8½a9½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14—Cotton decidedly firm but quiet—middling, 8½a8½. Flour in good demand but not quotably higher. Wheat, southern firm and quiet; western in good demand and firmer—southern red, 95a1.03; do. amber, 1.04a1.07; No. 2 Pennsylvania red, 1.07; No. 2 western winter red, spot and December, 1.04½a1.04½, January, 1.05a1.05½. February, 1.07½. Corn, southern active and firm: western quiet and firmer for spot and steady for options—southern white, 43a46; do. yellow, 42½a45½; western mixed, spot, old, 46½; new, spot and December, 45½; January, 45; February, 45½; steamer, 40. Oats scarce and firm—southern, 25a32; western white, 32; do. mixed, 29a31; Pennsylvania, 30a32. Rye quiet and nominal—southern, 25a57. Hay dull and unchanged. Provisions quiet and uhchanged. Butter quiet and firm and unchanged. Petroleum dull and nominal—crude, 7½; refined, 8½. Coffee quiet but less depressed—kio cargoes, 11a15½, Whisky quiet and easy, 1.09. Freights to Liverpool per steamer quiet—cotton, ½d., flour, 2s. 9d., grain, 8d. Receipts—flour, 4,300; wheat, 30,000; corn, 23,500; corn, 4,600. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Stocks weak, Money, 3a 3½. Gold, 100½. Exchange, long, 482½; short, 487. Governments strong.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Flour quiet. Wheat firm LONDON, Dec. 14, 12:30 p. fm.-Consols, 94 5:16

for money and 94 9-16 for the account, U. S. bonds, four-and-a half per cents, 106%, new fives, 108%. Eric, 183%. Himois Central, 7834. New Jersey Cen-The District in Congress.

EUSINESS REPORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE The first regular business meeting of the Senate committee on District of Columbia will be held on Monday next. Among the undisposed of measures pending before the committee are a bill relating to the taxation of street railroads street railroads in the District of Columbia; a bill to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia and conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear the same and for other purposes a bill for the improvement of the sewerage of the city of Washington; a bill to incorporate the Army and Navy Life Insurance Company of Washington; a bill for the improvement of the sanitary condition of Washington and for deepening the river channel; a bill in relation to the payment of taxes and assessments in the city of Washington; a bill to incorporate the District of Columbia stock yard abbatoir and rendering company; a bill for the relief of property owners in square 382, in the city of Washington; a bill requiring the removal of the tracks of the Baltimore and Onio railroad from certain streets in the city of Washington and for other purposes; a bill to provide for the funding of certain certificates of indebtedness and claims against the District of Columbia; a bill to amend the fifth section of an act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia; a bill to incorporate the Appalachian Mining Association of the District of Columbia a bill to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia and for other purposes; a bill to regulate the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the Dis-

trict of Columbia; a bill to amend chapter fifteen of the revised statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia THE PROPOSED RAILROAD TO MOUNT PLEASANT A meeting of a sub-committee, consisting of Senators Dorsey and Rollins, of the Senate committee on the Eistrict of Columbia, was held this morning to hear persons interested in the various plans to construct street railroads from Washington to Mount Pleasant. Three different bills providing different routes for a rallroad to Mount Pleasant have been introduced in Congress. Full descriptions of the proposed lines have been published in THE STAR. Judge Casey John B. Bloss, and John W. Thompson presented to the committee arguments in favor of the bill to amend the charter of the Metropolitan road. This bill has been reported to the Senate, and is now on the calendar. It originally provided for the construction of the road up 14th street, but Judge Casey has moved that it be amended to build the road through 17th street

Mr. William Dickson appeared in behalf of the Mount Pleasant and Potomac Side railroad bill. The route provided for in this bill is from the Boundary and 16th street, south along 16th street to H street northwest, east along H street to 15th, along 15th street to Pennsylvania ave. and through 14th street to be street southwest, thence to 12th street and through 12th street to water and the 6th street wharf.

to Mount Pleasant.

William H. Peck and L. S. Emery represented the bill to incorporate the Mount Pleasant railroad company. This bill provides for the con struction of a railroad from the Boundary and 14th street, through 14th street to its junction with Park street, in Mount Pleasant. After hearing arguments for and against each of the proposed roads, the sub-committee de-

cided at three o'clock this afternoon to ride over each of the lines, and observe which of them would be apt to accommodate the greater num-GREAT SNOW IN THE WEST .- Dispatches from central and western Missouri. Iowa and Kansas say the heaviest snow storm known for years has prevailed during the past twenty-four hours The depth of the snow varies from ten to thirty inches, and in some localities is very badly drifted. The railroads are generally obstructed and some of them have been obliged to stop running trains altogether. At Lexington, Mo., and other places schools are closed and business

suspended. At Fulton and Rock Island the

Mississippi river is frozen over, and people walk

across on the ice. A sleet storm prevailed at St.

AFRAID OF CATCHING COLD,-Cyprien Costo floraz de Mirabel was hanged in the jail yard at St. John's, Quebec, yesterday, for the murder of Matherton. He denied his guilt to the last. Before proceeding to the scaffold he declined o remove his collar, for fear he "might catch

GOVERNOR HAMPTON IMPROVING .- A private telegram was received in Baltimore at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from James Simons. ir., member of the South Carolina legislature, concerning the condition of Governor Hampton. as follows: "According to best information critical, but hopeful." A press dispatch received last night says: "Governor Hampton rested comfortably Thursday night, and the attending

physicians report him as much improved to day," (Friday.) A PANIC PREVENTED .- A serious catastrophe was avoided yesterday morning by the presence of mind of the principals of Wooster street (New York) public school, F. G. Williamsom and Mrs. T. A. Bond. Fire broke out in the building, but 1,200 children were dismissed without the knowledge of the fact, under the plea that carpenters were coming to work. After all were in safety, the alarm was given and the fire was soon ex

JACK KEHOE'S DOOM, -General McCandless, a member of the Pennsylvania board of pardons, says the affidavit of Patrick McHugh, by which the friends of Jack Keboe hope to prove an alleb has been received by the members of the board. and they are at the present time corresponding with one another in order to exchange their views on the matter without holding a regular meeting. General McCandless thinks the amdavit does not justify a reopening of the case by

The Pope has sent ten Jesuits to Central Africa to evangelize the countries traversed by Stanley and Livingston. The mission will cost \$40,000, and the missionaries will take with them 500 porters, servants, etc., who will be unarmed.

Mr. Thurlow Weed, the veteran journalist, is quite ill and barely able to sit up. William Merrick has been convicted at Indianapolis and sentenced to death for the murder of his wife.